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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(c) WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicant submit for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Forms PTO/SB08B. Copies of references listed on Form PTO/SB08B are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) as it is after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Action or Notice of Allowance.

Additionally, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement (IDS) was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Thus no fee is due.

Note that two prior art references being cited herewith are in the Japanese language, namely Japanese Patent Laying-Open No. 5-151179 and an article entitled "Quota Manager Managing Directory Capacity for Windows NT" by Noriharu Tanaka, published in LAN

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TIMES, Japan, Softbank Corporation, dated April 1, 1997. For this reason, this IDS includes a concise explanation of the relevance as required by MPEP §609 as follows. Specifically, the Examiner is requested to review the concise explanation written by the Japanese Examiner in the first Japanese Office Action, for each cited prior art reference being cited herewith. Thus the concise explanation requirement is believed to be satisfied, in view of the following statement in MPEP §609:

Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication on a search report.

Accordingly, Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB08B, indicating that the cited information has been considered and made of record herein.

If the Examiner needs any further explanation of any cited paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to notify the undersigned in the next Office Action.

The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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